

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is outrageously undemocratic. It is an example of the dangers of media consolidation, and if the FCC permits this to happen, it will be a clear indication that the Republicans on the FCC are putting politics above the good of the country.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. This is the responsibility of the FCC, but more and more it appears that the Republicans on the FCC lack integrity.